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Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General wishes to bring to the attention of the Economic and Social Council the attached cooperation agreement between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration. This agreement was signed in Geneva on 25 June 1996.

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COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration,

ACKNOWLEDGING that the purposes of the United Nations are, inter alia, to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends,

ACKNOWLEDGING that the International Organization for Migration, committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society, is mandated under its Constitution to assist in meeting the operational challenges of migration; advance understanding of migration issues; encourage social and economic development through migration; and work towards effective respect of the human dignity and well-being of migrants,

TAKING NOTE that the relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly, in particular resolution 47/4 of 16 October 1992, and those of the Council of the International Organization for Migration, in particular resolution No. 923 (LXXI) of 29 November 1995, call for intensified cooperation between the two Organizations,

CONSCIOUS of the need for closer cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration in matters of common interest, and desirous of further enhancing and strengthening such cooperation,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

COOPERATION AND CONSULTATIONS

1. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration shall act in close collaboration and hold consultations regularly on all matters of common interest.

2. To this end, the two parties shall consider the appropriate framework for such consultations as and when necessary.

ARTICLE II

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

1. In accordance with the applicable rules of procedure and decisions taken by the competent bodies concerning the attendance of meetings by observers, the United Nations shall invite the International Organization for

Migration to send representatives to meetings and conferences convened by the United Nations at which intergovernmental organizations have been invited to attend as observers, whenever matters of interest to the International Organization for Migration are discussed.

2. In accordance with the applicable rules of procedure and decisions taken by the competent bodies concerning the attendance of meetings by observers, the International Organization for Migration shall invite the United Nations to send representatives to meetings and conferences convened by the International Organization for Migration at which intergovernmental organizations have been invited to attend as observers, whenever matters of interest to the United Nations are discussed.

ARTICLE III

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION

1. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration agree to exchange information and documentation in the public domain to the fullest extent possible on matters of common interest.

2. Where appropriate, and subject to the necessary requirements, information and documentation relating to specific projects or programmes may also be exchanged between the parties with a view to ensuring complementary action and effective coordination between the two Organizations.

ARTICLE IV

STATISTICAL AND LEGAL INFORMATION

The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration shall, subject to their respective rules and regulations, make every effort possible to ensure optimum utilization of statistical and legal information, and efficient use of their resources to compile, analyse, publish and disseminate such information.

ARTICLE V

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

1. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration agree to strive for the maximum cooperation and coordination to ensure complementary action at headquarters and field levels.

2. Each Organization shall endeavour, in so far as possible and in compliance with its constituent instruments and decisions of its competent bodies, to respond favourably to requests for cooperation, in accordance with procedures to be mutually agreed upon.

3. The International Organization for Migration shall take into consideration any formal recommendations that the United Nations may make to it and, upon request, report to the United Nations on the actions taken by it, within its mandate, in order to respond to or otherwise give effect to such recommendations.

4. The International Organization for Migration shall cooperate with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in furnishing information and rendering assistance in regard to matters of common interest.

5. In order to further strengthen inter-secretariat coordination, various mechanisms will be used, including, when relevant, the appropriate inter-agency coordinating bodies, subject to their terms of reference and rules of procedure.

ARTICLE VI

JOINT ACTION

1. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration may, through special arrangements, decide to act jointly in the implementation of projects that are of common interest. The special arrangements shall define the modalities for the participation of each Organization in such projects and shall determine the expenses payable by each of them.

2. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration may, whenever they consider it desirable, set up commissions, committees or other technical or advisory bodies, on terms and conditions to be mutually agreed upon in each case, to advise them on matters of common interest.

3. The United Nations Certificate shall be issued to staff of the International Organization for Migration performing functions or travelling on official business for the United Nations.

ARTICLE VII

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SECRETARIATS

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director General of the International Organization for Migration shall take appropriate measures to ensure effective cooperation and liaison between the secretariats of the two Organizations.

2. In so far as possible, and within the context of their constituent instruments and decisions of their respective competent bodies, the two Organizations shall assist each other in the training and secondment of various categories of staff.

3. To maintain consistency of the personnel policies of the International Organization for Migration with those of the United Nations and other

organizations of the United Nations system, the International Organization for Migration will continue to apply in substance the United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations, and deviations from these rules and regulations will be subject to specific approval by States members of the International Organization for Migration.

ARTICLE VIII

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The Secretariat of the United Nations and the Administration of the International Organization for Migration shall consult each other regularly on matters relating to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX

SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS

The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the purpose of cooperation and coordination as may be found desirable.

ARTICLE X

ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENTS AND DURATION

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the duly authorized representatives of the two Organizations.

2. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the parties. The proposed amendment should be made in writing to the other party and shall enter into force after a period of three months following the expression of such consent.

3. Either of the parties may terminate this Agreement by giving six months' written notice to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Administration of the International Organization for Migration have signed the present Agreement.

Signed this 25th day of June 1996 at Geneva in two originals in the English language.

For the United Nations:

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI
Secretary-General

For the International Organization for Migration:

(Signed) James N. PURCELL, Jr.
Director General